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SUBJECT: Continuing Education for Breastfeeding Coordinators

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Teleconference, Nutrition Education: On the Road to Excellence, April 26-27, 2001 is replacing the Nutrition Education and Breastfeeding Conference this fiscal year. Because the teleconference does not include a breastfeeding component, all breastfeeding coordinators will need to obtain their required continuing education in other ways (see policy BF: 02.0). If your local agency breastfeeding coordinator has already satisfied the continuing education requirements, disregard this memo.

The continuing education requirement can be satisfied by completing a Texas Department of Health (TDH) breastfeeding course such as:

- Mini Breastfeeding Management Program I
- Mini Breastfeeding Management Program II
- Intensive Course in Breastfeeding Phase I
- Intensive Course in Breastfeeding Phase II
- Clinical Lactation Practicum Phase III

The TDH breastfeeding courses are updated every year. If it has been 3 or 4 years since the breastfeeding coordinator completed a TDH breastfeeding course, she may want to attend again. For more information about the Intensive Course in Breastfeeding or Mini Breastfeeding Management courses check <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/lactate/courses.htm> or you may contact Elaine Greiner, at (512) 406-0744 or elaine.greiner@tdh.state.tx.us. For more information about the Clinical Lactation Practicum Phase III course, please contact Maryann Todd-Thompson, RN, BSN, IBCLC, at (512)719-3010.

The continuing education requirement can also be satisfied by attending a breastfeeding conference, a WIC conference, or nutrition conference that has a breastfeeding component such as:

- La Leche League International Conference, July 7-10, 2001, Chicago, IL. For more information see www.lalecheleague.org or call (847) 519-7730.
- Nutrition, Breastfeeding, and Cultural Competency: Eliminating Racial Disparities in Health, April 4-6, 2001, New Brunswick, NJ. For more information contact Allen and Partners, Inc., at (908) 561-4062 or (800) 285-2341.
- The Texas Association of Local WIC Directors (TALWD) Breastfeeding Conference, tentatively scheduled for June 2001 in Austin. More details will be available in early April or contact Andrea Avery, TALWD Manager at CorkyAUS@aol.com.

Continuing education options are not limited to the courses and conferences listed in this memo. Any training or conference that has a breastfeeding component will satisfy the requirement in Policy BF: 02.0. If you are unsure if a breastfeeding course or conference will satisfy the continuing education requirements of your local agency breastfeeding coordinator, contact Tracy Erickson, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, at (512) 458-7111, ext. 3409 or tracy.erickson@tdh.state.tx.us or Mary Van Eck, Nutrition Education Coordinator, at (512) 458-7111, ext. 3484 or mary.vaneck@tdh.state.tx.us.